

Summit Mennonite Church

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Worship: 10:00 am

Welcome to all visitors! May you feel at ease with us and sense the presence of God.

We follow Christ, offering healing and hope as we serve our neighbors in need

April 3, 2022

Focus: As we seek God's way, we move from the fear that there is not enough to the freedom of living within God's abundance.

Prelude: Dora Short

Welcome and Lighting the Peace Candle: Mary Schwartz

Call to Worship: Mary Schwartz

Leader: Together we seek the way of God,

**People: Who makes a way in the sea
and provides rivers in the desert.**

Leader: God fills our lives with love and beauty
as sweet fragrance fills the air.

People: We live within the abundance of God,

Leader: so let us laugh and shout for joy

All: as we worship God together.

Prayer

Opening Songs: VT #36 Let Us Build a House
VT #323 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Prayer of Confession: Mary Schwartz

Leader: Holy One,
we seek you while you may be found.

People: We call upon you while you are near.

Leader: Have mercy upon us, O God,
for our thoughts are not your thoughts
and our ways are not your ways.

**People: Forgive us for believing the myth of scarcity.
Help us live into your abundance.**

Leader: As we walk with Christ on this Lenten journey,
let us see your way more clearly

All: and follow your way more faithfully.

Assurance of Pardon: Mary Schwartz. (Psalm 32 adapted)

Blessed are we whose transgressions are forgiven,
whose sins are covered.

Blessed are we whose sins our God does not count against us.
God's unfailing love surrounds those who trust in the Holy One.
Let us rejoice and be glad!

Children's time: Penny the Puppy and Lucia the Llama (puppet video)

Scripture: John 12:1-8 Mary Schwartz

Sermon: Abundance and Abandon Patrick Nafziger

Song of Response: VT#309 Fill Us with Your Feast

Sharing Joys and Concerns: Mary Schwartz

Congregational Prayer: Christine Nafziger

Offering: Mary Schwartz

Announcements/Welcome of Visitors and Virtual Attendees: Mary

Closing Song: VT #830 Go, My Children

Sending Blessing: Mary Schwartz

TODAY

Worship Leader: Mary Schwartz

Pianist: Dora Short

Worship Planner: Vivian Jaberg

LAST WEEK:

Attendance: 30

General Offering: \$470

\$1,989 needed weekly to meet spending plan

THIS WEEK

Wednesday, 6:30 – 7 pm: Lectio Divina guided prayer service on Zoom

Thursday, 6:30: Church Council meets on Zoom

COMING EVENTS

Thursday, April 14, 5:30 pm: Maundy Thursday service and light meal

Sunday, April 17, 10am: Easter Brunch

11 am: Worship Service

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Last Lectio for Lent. This Wednesday, April 6 at 6:30 p.m. will be our last Lectio Divina. Please join me as we prayerfully reflect on the scripture passage for next Sunday. Deb will send the Zoom link over email.

On April 17 we will once again share in an **Easter Brunch!** Quiche will be provided; look for the sign-up sheet **today** to sign up for fruit (cut up), sweet rolls or muffins and juice to share with all.

Next Sunday, April 10 will be our second worship and discernment time with Jeanne Zimmerly Jantzi. We will again begin with worship and move into a time of discerning. Jeanne sent the summary below of what we will be doing next Sunday--please note the questions, which you can give some thought to ahead of time.

The objective will be to sift and prioritize the activities of the church in order to move forward. We'll be thinking through what activities, programs, relationships, or roles are in the birth stage, which are in maturity, which things need to end, and what needs to be renewed. Some key questions that folks can be thinking about:

1. Where do you see God at work in or through the congregation?
2. Make a list of all the activities and relationships of the church that occupy your time. (You will have time to do this on Sunday, but you might want to think about it ahead of time.)

Join us for the Ohio MCC Comforter Bash on April 22-23! A handmade comforter provides not only warmth, but also a tangible message to people that their needs are not forgotten. Join others of all ages for this two-day event at Kidron Community Park to knot comforters that Mennonite Central Committee will distribute around the world. For more information, visit mcc.org/ohio-comforter-bash. **Dates:** Friday, April 22 (11:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m.); Saturday, April 23 (9:00 am - 2:00 pm) **Location:** Kidron Community Park Recreational Building - 4434 Kidron Road, Kidron OH 44636

MENNONITE MISSION NETWORK PRAYER REQUEST: Tomorrow, Eastern Mennonite High School students will conclude their week-long Mennonite Mission Network civil rights tour in the southern United States through the Youth Venture program. Pray for participants as they apply their new perspectives to the injustice in their home communities and congregations. Pray also for participants in Youth Venture's two July civil rights tours and an immigration/borderlands tour. Application deadline is May 1.

A Litany for Ukraine

All: Our hearts and prayers go out to the people of Ukraine,

One: As they seek refuge from the terrible effects of war.

All: May they find shelter in God's arm,

One: As they try to calm their fears.

All: May they find comfort in God's arm,

One: As they worry about where to find food and shelter.

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One: As they witness the death that war brings.

All: May they find solace in God's arm,

One: As they leave their homes behind to find safety.

All: May they find strength in God's arm.

One: Deliver us all from the madness of believing good can come from violence.

All: God hear our prayer.

One: Give us the courage to resist the myths of violence.

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One: Forgive us our pride as a super military power.

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One: Give us the compassion that gives birth to generosity and hospitality.

All: God hear our prayer.

One: Let us show love and mercy for those fleeing war.

All: God hear our prayer.

One: Mold us as a people of peace.

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May God hear our prayers and the cry of the Ukrainian people.

(by Iris de León-Hartshorn, associate executive director, Mennonite Church USA)

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